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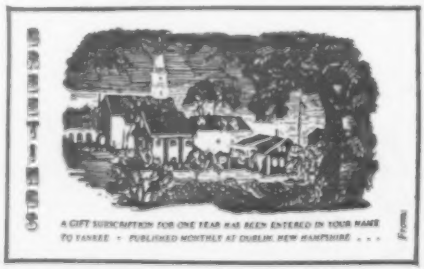

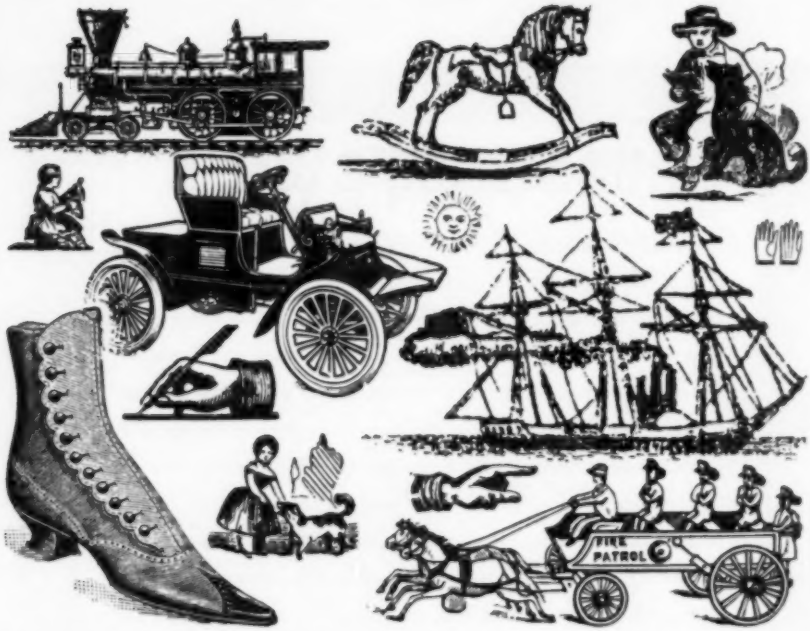

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Here it is—October 14, 1961. Your Christmas issue for this year is "in the works." Actually, it has been worked on since last Christmas. I wonder how many realize how much advance planning—even to tiny details—goes into each issue of YANKEE? For example, how does one know when one orders color prints in May (we have to order eight at a time) how many the December issue will require? (To be too far off—short or over—is the difference between profit and loss.) In the interim, of course, postal rates, trucking, fuel oil, electricity, telephone, just about everything we have to buy, may be arbitrarily increased. A small outfit such as ours finds "shopping around" a waste of time—the prices are the same no matter what. The economy of today is rigged against the tiny wheels on which, basically, it depends.

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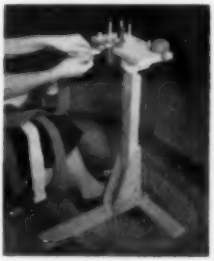

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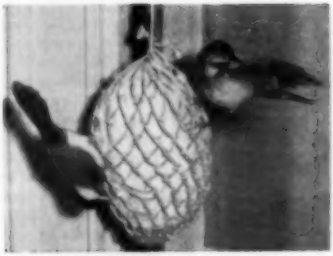

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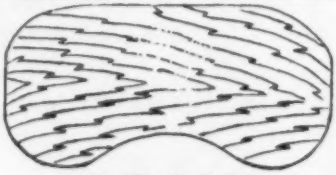

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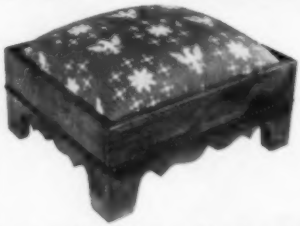

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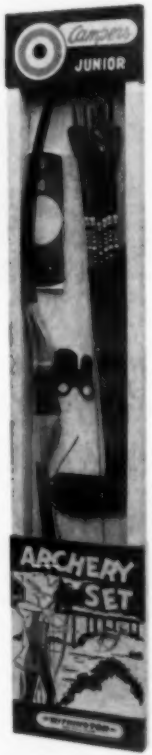

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Sayings of the Oracle

►*R. I.: Dear Oracle:* Liked you in your 1915 uniform. Those were the days of trouble—I wonder if our trails ever crossed? W.C.

Answer: Dear General—Thanks for your letter. My outfit was Co A-21st Inf, of the Regular Army. The photo was taken at Vancouver Barracks, Washington. I doubt that we were ever near each other, especially in the days of this photo. I was walking post and peeling potatoes a good deal of the time then. Yet I have long since learned that a "Regular" is always a "Regular," speaking the same language and thinking the same thoughts, be he division commander or an extra K.P. 'Tis good to hear from you, Sir.

►*Conn.: Dear Oracle:* For years I have heard the phrase "he raised a kawtowse" (I don't know the correct spelling), "he made a fuss," or "stirred up a row." Recently I used it and a former school teacher asked me what I meant. She had never heard the word. On consulting my dictionary, using every spelling I could devise, I could not find any such word. So I wonder if it is slang or a colloquialism or a foreign word. Can you enlighten me? I.J.E.

Answer: Irving, the word goes back to medieval times, from which period it has been variously distorted. But originally it was "cathouse." Need we say more?

►*N. M.: Dear Oracle:* Do you mean to tell me you still had that letter kicking around in your diggings? I thought you had tossed it out eons ago. As for not being nice—were you very nice to that poor bloke out in the far west somewhere, who wanted to know why a man precedes a woman upstairs—you left him as disappointed as a child with a punctured balloon.

As for being honest, when you are, you are always interesting; when you aren't, you're amusing—but sir: how do we tell the difference—or does it matter? Thanks for the picture. What does the gold cord signify? A.G.

Answer: First of all, we are a Yankee and never throw anything away! About the feller who wanted to know about men preceding womenfolks upstairs; we figured he must be terribly round-shouldered and unable to look up and so we didn't want to work him up any more than we could help.

About telling the truth, it's, as you mention—hells bells, why should we say we don't know when, likely, we do? In the heft of cases it doesn't matter, as you surmise. And that cord wasn't gold, 'twas a hand-woven cotton and wool stuff, and pale blue in color. The significance has been lost in the centuries, but all Regular Army men of the period wore 'em for "full dress," every branch of the service being a different color.

►*Conn.: Dear Oracle:* From an old newspaper clipping of the notice of a wedding, I came across the word skimmelton. Can you give the meaning of the word? D.C.F.B.

Answer: "Skimmington," variously spelled, is a very old word of English derivation. It has several meanings, one of which is a sort of wild but harmless romping by night, to make life a mite miserable for a newly-married couple. In many places in America they call such a thing a "charivari" or "shivaree," depending on the place.

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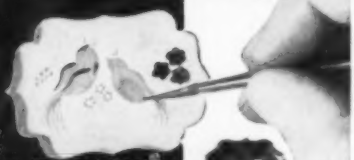

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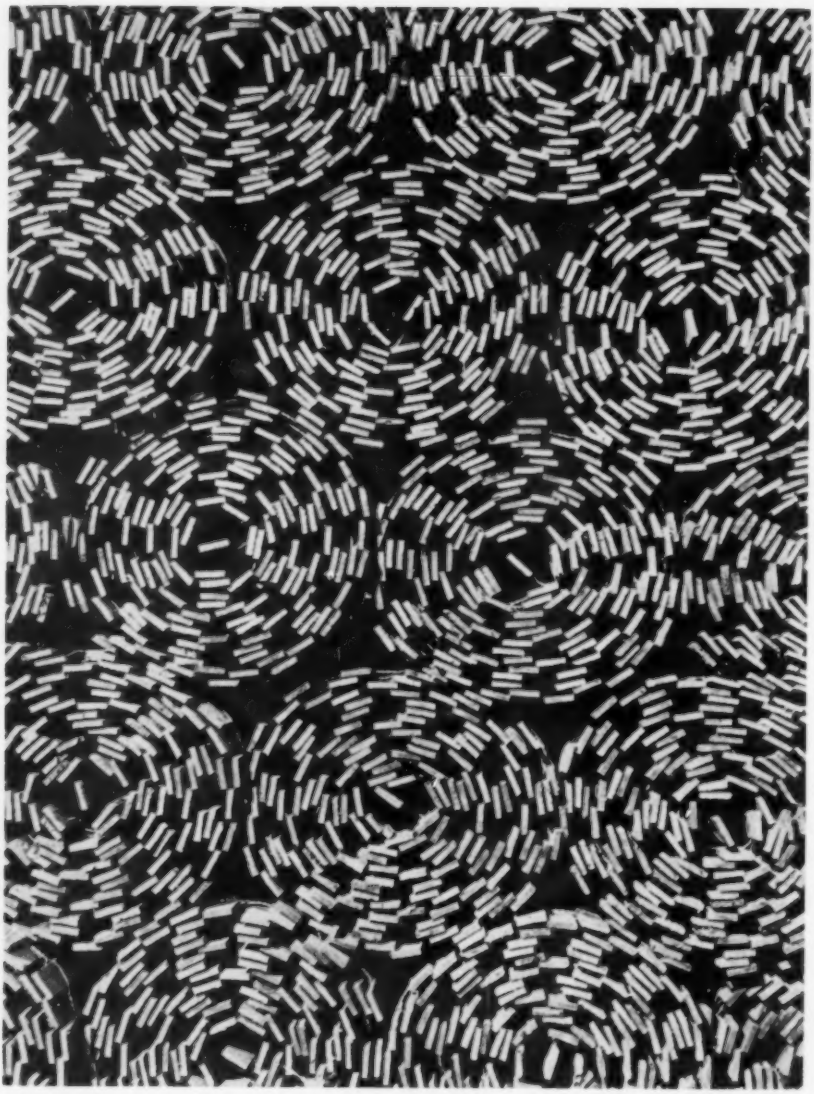


▲ Snow fencing along a Maine roadside

Pelham, Massachusetts ►

Away in a Manger

by Marion A. Osborne

OLD CALEB TOOK THE LANTERN FROM ITS WOODEN peg near the door to flicker its uneven light over the munching herd. The whole atmosphere of the ancient barn seemed full of warmth and quiet and peace. A stray pigeon or two that had chosen his loft as their resting place cooed contentedly from above, the sparrows were still shifting their positions in the cracks and crannies, and Tabby lapped her pan of milk in utter joy. Caleb remembered from so long ago his mother telling him the old tale of the animals talking together on Christmas Eve. As a child he believed the story, and, even now, it would not be too hard to give credence to the tale. With their extra forkful in recognition of the coming day, there was none of the usual controversy from stanchion to stanchion. Each was content with her portion, as if they had communicated with one another that peace on earth that filled the air.

The old man longed to stretch himself in the now vacant stall of Daisy to continue this soothing feeling of chores done, all's right with the world. But he knew if he once lay down his old joints would rebel, as they always did, against getting him upright again. Besides, his chores were not done. There stood the last pail of milk to get up the rise of ground to the milk house, come what might. Probably the others were already petulantly awaiting his arrival at the supper table. Lantern in hand, he threw its gleam in the direction of Daisy, now confined in the calving pen. She munched her extra portion as contentedly as the others. Satisfied that he had done all that could be done for his creatures, Caleb hobbled out the weather-beaten doorway, the pail of milk in one gnarled hand, the lantern and inevitable staff in the other. The door swung to on its creaky hinges, and the old man made it fast.

A blast of frigid air assailed the aged farmer and made him wince. In contrast to the moist warmth of the stable, (*Continued on page 90*)

Then it happened—just as Santa said it would!

AMERICA'S *First* CHRISTMAS

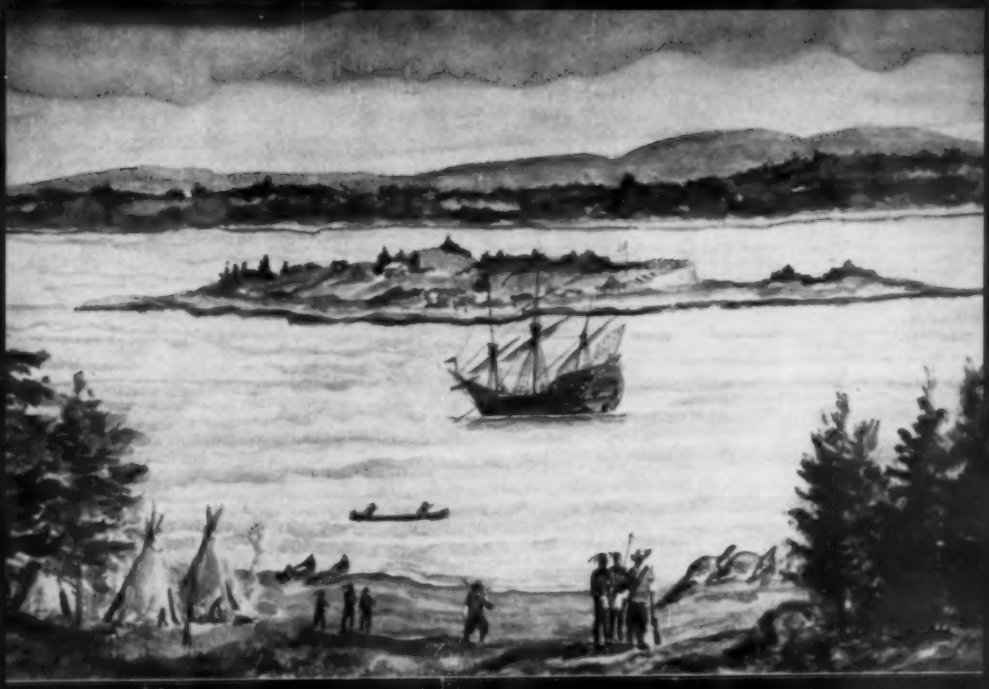
by C. TALBOT ROGERS

A group of settlers celebrated "un joyeux Noel" on St. Croix Island in 1604 — but few lived to see Spring.

• IT IS A TINY ISLAND, NOT THREE HUNDRED YARDS LONG, AND every year it shrinks—in size, but not in historic significance. In earlier days it saw tragedy and failure; later, a happy ending to a dispute between two nations. Today this little plot of ground is scheduled to become—soon, it is hoped—America's newest National Monument.

Tides have washed away some relics of its historic past, particularly the cemetery where, it is said, a Roman priest and a Protestant minister were buried side by side in the same grave—presumably in the hope of establishing religious tolerance at the last. Each of these two men had his claim to distinction. The minister, whose name is not recorded, conducted the first Protestant religious services in the New World; and he shared with Father Aubry, the Roman priest, as well as the little band of pioneers, in celebrating the first Christmas on that far frontier.

If not the first Christmas in all of North America, surely it was the first White Christmas. Older settlements in Florida, French Huguenot



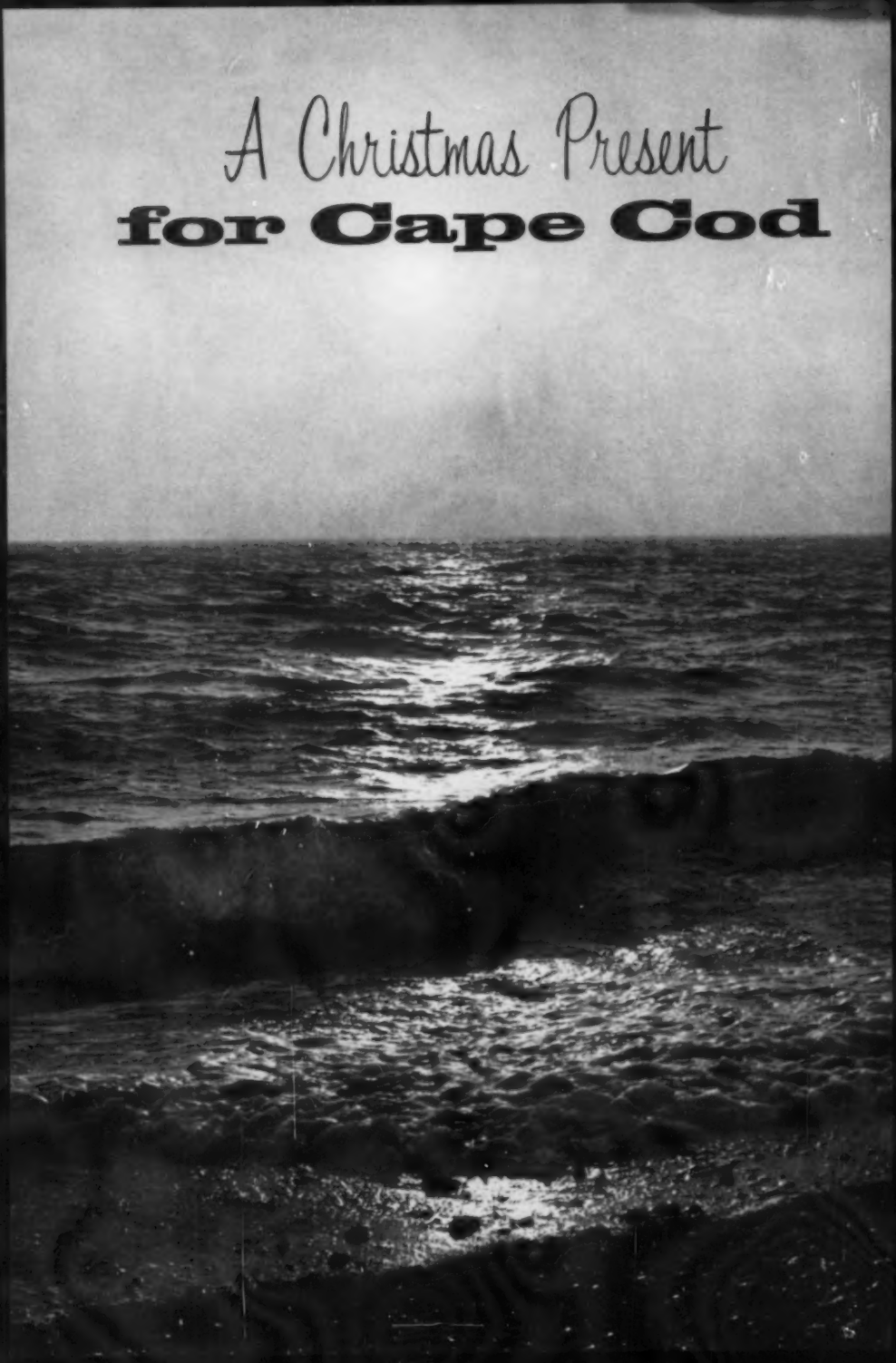
St. Croix Island, 1604 (from the private collection of Vincent Short).

villages or Spanish St. Augustine, may have held services earlier, but if so it was under sunny skies, with green palms rustling in the warm breeze. There was nothing mild or balmy about that first Christmas in the North Country; those who survived that winter would have jeered bitterly at any wandering minstrel sentimentally dreaming of another White Christmas!

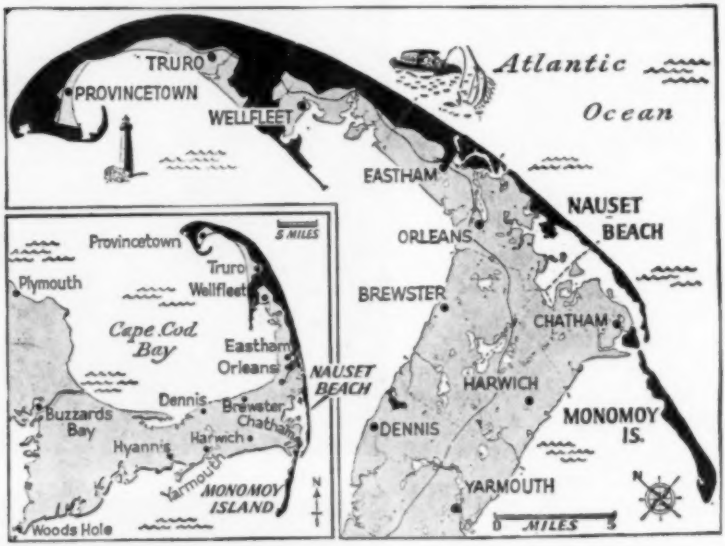
The time was 1604, three years before the Virginia settlement at Jamestown, seventeen years before the first Pilgrim Thanksgiving. The scene was St. Croix Island (also called Dochet Island) in the St. Croix River between Maine and New Brunswick. Leader of the expedition to settle this land called Acadia was a courageous French gentleman, the Sieur de Monts. Ironically, the name of his young lieutenant is preserved by the great lake, Champlain, which he later discovered; the chief, the Lieutenant-General and Lord of Acadia is remembered by a mere spring, the Sieur de Monts Spring on Mount Desert Island, in Maine.

De Monts had pressed into service (*Continued on page 100*)

A Christmas Present for Cape Cod



Black on the map shows the area of Cape Cod that is now under public ownership with the establishment of a national park. Inset shows full cape area.



by DON ROSS *Photographs by* KEN WILLIAMS

● The threat of the developers' bulldozers, which would have chewed up much of the wild beauty of the Great Beach area on the Atlantic Ocean side of Cape Cod, has been removed. Many Cape Codders, however, feel that the national seashore is wholly unnecessary—that the residents themselves would have been able to protect the scenic and historic treasures of the Cape without help from Washington. To a reporter who drove hundreds of miles for three days on the affected part of the Cape, the premise is highly questionable. There were too many signs that said "For Sale. Ocean Front Lots," or its equivalent. There were too many indications of a gathering real estate boom.

"They seem to be putting up a lot of chicken coop cottages around here," said Mrs. Roy D. Wells, who lives with her husband, a retired California business man, in a substantial ocean-front home in Wellfleet. The Wellses, like other residents whose homes were started before September 1, 1959, can continue to live in their homes in the park area, or give them to their children, or rent, or sell them to private persons. Or they can sell them to the government.

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Cape Cod wants summer visitors. But it much prefers the kind with money to spend. It is somewhat scornful of trippers and tourists who come only for a day or two and spend little money. They are the kind, in the opinion of many, who will be attracted by the national seashore.

Truro, Wellfleet and Eastham voted against the park by large majorities in town meetings, but in subsequent mail polls the voters of Truro and Wellfleet reversed themselves and voted in favor of it. Provincetown voted in favor of the park in a town meeting by a large majority. Chatham voted against a park in town meeting if it included certain areas of the town. Orleans has never voted on the issue. A reliable observer estimates that the home owners in the affected towns are now three to two in favor of the park. The six towns together have a year-round population of only 13,500. In

Right: Business man Joshua Nickerson says, "I'm opposed to the principle of Federal ownership where it isn't necessary."

Below: a view along the Bay side. This, say advocates of the new Park, might have happened throughout the Cape.

the summer this increases two or three fold.

The national seashore bills, which call for the appropriation of $16,000,000 to purchase property for the park, were introduced in Congress by the two Massachusetts Senators, Leverett Saltonstall, a Republican, and Benjamin A. Smith 2d, a Democrat, and the Representative from the Congress District of which Cape Cod is a part, Hastings Keith, a Republican. President Kennedy, a summer resident of Hyannis Port, which will not be directly affected by the park, favors the project.

Some Cape Codders are pulled two ways by their feelings about the national seashore. One of these is Edwin O'Connor, author of *The Last Hurrah*. A winter-time resident of Boston, Mr. O'Connor passes the summer in a secluded house on twelve acres in Wellfleet. It is approached by a dirt road which he wants to keep that way.

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Top: A multiple exposure along Rt. 28, indicating the commercialism which was threatening the Cape's natural beauty.

Left: Malcolm Hobbs, editor of *The Cape Codder;* "We don't mind a guy making a buck, but not at the expense of Cape Cod."

"Now, Molly dear, when you knit a pair all by yourself, I will pay you for them just what I receive for mine — two shillings . . ." (from Godey's Lady's Book)

What's Old? What's New?

• LIKE GAUL, NEW IPSWICH, NEW Hampshire, is divided into parts—into at least five parts: Smithville, Davisville, New Ipswich, Highbridge, and Bank Village. The last named consists of a dozen or so houses—all attractive, and photogenic, in different ways. In one of these fine homes you'll find The Yarn & Tweed Shop run by the John Chapmans, and here you can secure the finest of imported and domestic yarns and tweeds.

Here are the Stewart tweeds, handwoven in Scotland—in heathers, plaids, and checks—and finespun Shetland yarn of complementing colors for knitting harmonizing sweaters. There are Shetland sweaters, too, hand-framed in Scotland to go along handsomely with hand-loomed tweeds. Matching kits of these, and other Scotch tweeds and yarns, are boxed for easy ordering, among which are the Pringle. Holmspun kits in plain colors and flecks, and new light-weight Scottish Lambs yarn and tweed sets in soft tones.

The Munrospun kits include a lovely light-weight tweed and a yarn named "Morning Mist"—which looks like the subtle, misty haze of the Scottish moors. Still another combination in kit form is a smooth, flannel-type domestic fabric and a cuddly, soft yarn that is part wool and part kid mohair.

If you're not a knitter but like hand-knit items, Mrs. Chapman provides "knitting to order," and skirts will be tailored to measure if desired. She carries also some skirts already made up. Items knit to order are sweaters, yarn or ribbon dresses, socks, hats, baby clothes or blankets. Right now, she is putting the finishing touches on a stole knit for us by our sister. It's the pink-gold color of a ripe peach—and as soft as soap suds. Lovely!

Speaking of stoles, Mrs. Chapman carries many of these—as well as scarves and throws—of Shetland, brushed mohair, and unbrushed mohair. For smaller items, there are bow and four-in-hand ties for HIM, of authentic Clan tartans; interesting pewter buttons; vari-colored yarn beads; and, of course, knitting needles and accessories, knitting books, and regular yarns. Recently she has added the yarns for Crewel Embroidery.

Knitting is one of the oldest kinds of needlework, and it is now practically impossible to invent new stitches and patterns. But Mrs. Chapman is supremely well qualified to advise on new yarns and how to do the old patterns, having been in business over twenty-five years. First, in Framingham, Massachusetts, she had the Village Yarn & Tweed Shop, and later a summer shop in Rockport in addition.

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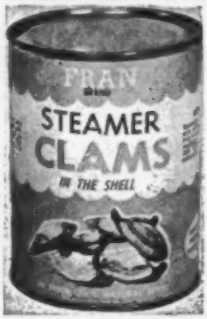

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By the way, the mail address of The Yarn & Tweed Shop is R.F.D. 1, Greenville, N. H. But if you want to drive to it, coming west on Route 124 you will find it is joined by Route 123 at Highbridge (and this is a very high bridge over a stream by a very high, old, brick mill), and a short distance farther west from Highbridge you will see the small shop sign, on a tree on your left, pointing up the hill.

But don't come to the shop until Spring now as Mr. and Mrs. Chapman are off for a round-the-world tour this month, to be gone for several months. (Mail orders will, however, be answered in their absence.) After that, no doubt you will find Mrs. Chapman, between customers, contentedly knitting in her sunny barn shop, daily except Sundays and Mondays, between ten and four.

For skiers there is a real winter interest in Bank Village, though. Just west of the center of New Ipswich, a new ski area will be opened by the Koivula Brothers—hopefully—around Christmas, to be called Kidder Mountain Ski Area. So, first you stop at Bill and June Currier's—just up the road from Mrs. Chapman's—for "Ski Service"—ski equipment, new and used; rentals; clothing; and maybe even ski lessons since each of the Curriers is a competent ski instructor. Bill Currier also builds rope tows and (in addition to having been a Selectman) has been a State Tramway Board member and inspector of rope tows and lifts. June Currier was formerly the Assistant Buyer of living room and nursery furniture at Paine's Furniture Company in

Boston. Her knowledge of buying has stood her in good stead, for she carries, in her "living room shop" the sturdy and reliable and, especially in clothing, attractive kind that's not necessarily the most expensive but is "the best buy for the money."

We have to tell you how we met June Currier. As we were walking by on a glorious October day, she came bounding out of her barn pulled by three—what looked to us like—huge dogs, but which on second look turned out to be Nubian goats. Oh yes, the Curriers raise these on the side, and we went around back to see the young Elsie, a special pet kid. Who says country living isn't full!

Christmas and Candy go together as surely as Cake and Frosting, and we got thinking about Salem's Old-fashioned Candies (long-time YANKEE advertisers) made in Salem, Massachusetts. We were curious about how, for instance, lollipops got on sticks, and remembered that Roger A. Poor (whose Antique Lettering ad you will find in every YANKEE, this month on page 121) handled their advertising and designed their brochures and boxes. So we called on him first (87 Canal Street). Mr. Poor was for twenty-five years the advertising manager for Sylvania Electric Products, after which he retired to start his own advertising business. Now mostly retired from that, he does charming, meticulous, "old-fashioned" lettering and borders for letterheads, labels, folders, and such.

We were escorted by Mr. Poor the two doors from his office to the Salem's Old-fashioned Candies factory, to meet the

June Currier with one of her Nubian goats.

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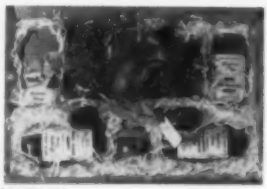
We were interested that the horehound flavor is made on the premises by steeping the herb itself, rather than by using a horehound extract. The use of pure sugar, spices, and oils help keep the Salem Candies so like the confections first made in this country. Remember? Zanzibars, Molasses-Peppermint Drops, Cinammon Cuts, Derbies, Honey Horehound, and Candy Sticks. The latter machine ran off seventy-two sticks a minute, fourteen hours a day all during last summer—just so you, and you . . . and we . . . could find a few in our Christmas stockings. Here again are the *old* candy recipes, and the *new* ways of producing them.



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Well, this was an exciting month to tour around for our December column (having done our tripping in October). We even had time to stop at the fabulous Johnny Appleseed's in North Beverly, Massachusetts, where we did some more of our own Christmas shopping. You know what it was fun to find there? Notebooks full of party (Beachcraft) games—three different games in each, with sixteen copies of each game ($.60) Some are quiz games, some anagram-type games, some categories and consequences. So, we guess these will go to friends who we hope will ask us in to play some cold winter's night. Johnny Appleseed's carries stunning clothing for men, women, and children, quality gifts and foods, Christmas cards and decorations—and they have a big catalog that's free.

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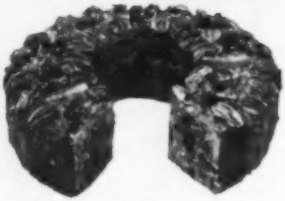

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The After Dinner Nap

Recipe with a History

EDITED BY DUNCAN MACDONALD

IF WE COULD LOOK BACK TO THOSE Friday mornings of more than half a century ago in Bernardston, Massachusetts, we would see the grandfather of Robert H. Oaks up betimes, and building a wood fire in the kitchen range. At his side we would see his bustling wife preparing ingredients for the day's baking.

In those times that still live in memory, there was a series of seasonal excitements that since have been lost. Each product of the soil arrived at its proper point in the cycle of the year. Each, because it had been gone so long, was the more thrillingly welcome when it returned.

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Robert Oaks remembers all these things, the Friday mornings and the delight as each new season brought forth its fruit. "My grandfather and grandmother," he says, "were married in 1862, and set up housekeeping in Bernardston, Massachusetts. Of all the possessions my grandmother brought into the family, those most prized and most often remembered were her rules for making pies. Each season of the year offered its own pie fillings: berry, grape, apple, pumpkin and squash, but, best of all, mince.

"My earliest recollection of my grandparents dates from about Thanksgiving of 1900. Every Friday morning, summer and winter, my grandfather arose early and started a fire in the wood-burning Glenwood Range. My grandmother laid out the 'pie timber' in an orderly array, and after breakfast the day's baking began. The Glenwood Range had an oven door on either side with three-inch high numerals 1895, the year of my birth, cast on the doors. The ovens had a capacity for eight pies. However, grandmother would make pies, slip them each in succession into the oven from one side, pushing, shifting, turning, and finally, as each had been subjected to the proper time and temperature, remove them from the opposite side and carry them into the 'butt'ry' to cool. This continued until the supply

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was judged equal to the demand which was sure to come on the morrow.

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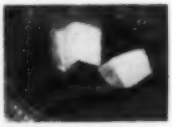
Grandmother's Mince Pie

4 cups chopped meat
2 cups chopped apples
4 cups sugar
1 cup molasses
Dessert spoonful all kinds of spices
2 cups raisins
1 cup currants
2/3 cup vinegar
1/3 cup salt
2 cups strong coffee

"This was stirred and simmered until heated through and the apples not quite done. If she had it handy, my grandmother would add a cup of 'boiled cider' for good measure. The mince meat was then turned into a stone crock and set down on the cellar bottom to cool and ripen."



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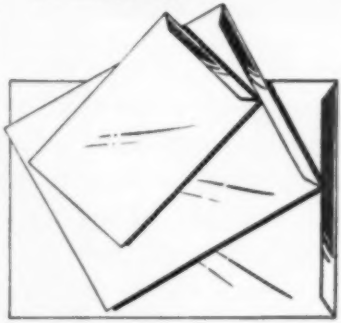

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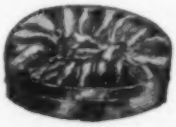

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CIRCUIT RIDER for the LORD

Covering five parishes in a day entails a good deal of traveling. Here Mrs. Henrichsen hurries off to another Sunday service.

This is One Squeak Harbor, near the North Sullivan parish. It's so named because only one ship can squeak through at a time.

SITUATED ON MAINE'S RUGGED COAST, SOME 150 MILES NORTHEAST OF Portland and in the shadow of Cadillac Mountain, are the towns of Sorrento, Ashville, Franklin, North Sullivan and Prospect Harbor. Five individual towns, to be sure, but with something unique in common — all are served by the same pastor, Reverend Margaret Henrichsen. After her husband died in 1943, Mrs. Henrichsen left Boston and took over the N. Sullivan church while taking her minister training via a correspondence course. Before long, one church had expanded to seven! She conducts services now in five — "The Sullivan Circuit."

Photographs by
KEN WILLIAMS

One Squeak is typical of the little fishing villages near Mrs. Henrichsen's "circuit."

In the pulpit of her home church in North Sullivan, Mrs. Henrichsen wears the silver cross she wore to perform her first marriage ceremony.

A quick lunch between services at a restaurant along the way.

The deserted churches—except for occasional funeral services or weddings — which she had noticed in trips through the Maine countryside were Mrs. Henrichsen's original inspiration to serve. She found the little congregations enthusiastic and the churches lovingly cared for. Finding a time for all the services on one

◀ Sorrento—9:30 A.M.

▼Ashville—10:45 A.M.

Above—"So nice to see you." Right—last service over.

day was her only problem. When a group from Franklin asked her to reopen their church, the last available time for the Sunday service was 1:00 P.M. — dinner hour everywhere. But this was not in the least a stumbling block. Franklin has been one of her warmest congregations — and she still preaches there at dinner time!

North Sullivan—5:45 P.M. ►

▼ Franklin—1:00 P.M.

Prospect Harbor—7:15 P.M. ▼

Could be a wedding or, perhaps, a neighbor needing transportation to the hospital.

A hurried visit with Mrs. Henry Young.

Planning a trip to a church in New York.

Mrs. Henrichsen enjoys a chat with Susy Stanwood who, at 72, still chops her own wood.

Mrs. Henrichsen is almost as busy all week as she is on Sunday. Her telephone rings at all hours of the day or night and she is available to anyone at any time. "Nothing I have is worth a man's self-respect," she says. Years ago, a small boy asked her if he could join her church on the following Sunday as a Mother's Day gift to his mother. Mrs. Henrichsen was scheduled to be ordained on that Sunday in a city 150 miles away and would have to wait another year if she was not present. She hesitated only a moment before saying that, of course, she would conduct the Mother's Day service. "It meant everything to the boy." When the bishop heard of this, he ordained her in a special ceremony.

A rare moment of relaxation finds Mrs. Henrichsen playing with "the doggies."

At home, Mrs. Henrichsen might be found writing sermons or other things (her book *Seven Steeples* was published by Houghton Mifflin in 1953), preparing lectures, playing hymns at her pump organ, or engaged in one of her hobbies—bird watching, photography and painting! During the summer months, she often writes her sermons while sitting on a particular rocky headland in Acadia National Park. In describing her journey home from this spot in an article for *Life* Magazine in 1953, she says, "I passed one after another of the tiny buildings where we worship together, perfectly certain of one thing—that no matter how few in numbers the congregations I was called to serve, there are no little churches in the Kingdom of God."

END

Prospect Harbor, 7:15 P.M. — last service of the day.

The REAL Moby Dick

by CHESTER HOWLAND

MY FATHER, CAPTAIN GEORGE L. HOWLAND was Master of the bark *Canton* and my mother came from Australia, as a bride, aboard the ship to the great whaling port of New Bedford. I have known many Captains, whalemen and ships. Among them was the bark *Platina* whose Master was Thomas McKenzie and listed whalemen Walter Thompson and Amos Smalley as two of her crew. Bow oarsman Walt Thompson and Gay Head Indian Smalley, harpooner, sailed as crewmen in Chief Mate West's whaleboat.

I recall meeting both of these men on different occasions to have them tell me specifically the story of the White Bull Sperm Whale that made the *Platina* famous.

Here was a real Moby Dick, a Captain Ahab, a Tashtego and an Ishmael. If you will recall, Melville named Ahab as Master of the *Pequod,* Tashtego as Mate Stubb's Gay Head Indian harpooner and Ishmael as bow oarsman in the mate's boat.

The original tale of (*Continued on page 60*)

Sixty years ago Amos Smalley, known personally by the author, sunk his harpoon into an all-white sperm whale.

Left: the late Amos Smalley, a Gay Head Indian. Shown right is the whaling bark Platina ***of New Bedford on which Smalley sailed as one of the harpooners in 1901.***

Right and below: reproductions of old line cuts depicting the adventurous days of whaling—well remembered by the author whose father captained the bark, Canton.

the bark *Platina's* catch as Thompson and Smalley told it to me was first published twenty-five years ago in the Sunday Edition of the Milwaukee *Journal.*

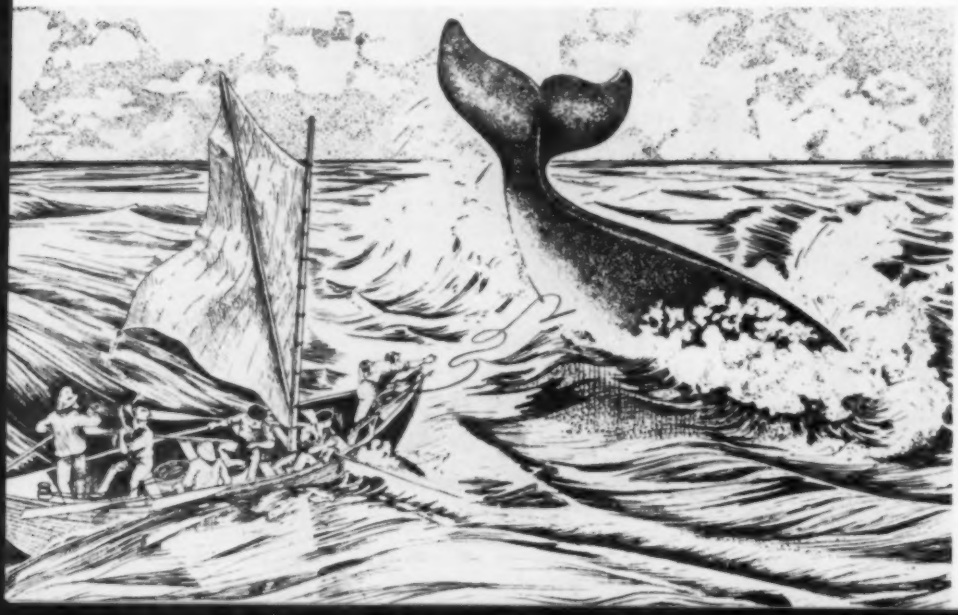
The story:

On the island of Martha's Vineyard, which lies off the coast of Massachusetts, there lives an old harpooner, Amos Smalley, who nearly a half century ago sent his iron straight into the "life" of a genuine "Moby Dick." He holds this unique position as the only man in history to ever "strike" an all-white cachalot.

It was in 1902 and Smalley was harpooner on the bark *Platina,* out of New Bedford.

The *Platina,* owned by the J. and W. R. Wing Company, was a typical whaler of about two hundred tons, blunt and sturdy in her lines and square at both bow and stern. Despite her lack of graceful proportions she was good to look upon, especially when her sails were set, and was a startling spectacle during the midnight trying-out of oil, when yellow flames leaped from the try-pot chimneys and the men flitted about the decks in a ghastly illumination that made them look like phantoms.

The vessel, well-fitted, sailed from New Bedford July 16, 1901, under the command of Captain Thomas McKenzie and was first reported from Fayal September 10, having taken two hundred barrels of sperm oil. The spring months of 1902



she spent a season in the South Atlantic and after recruiting at Barbados, north of the Venezuelan coast, came into the Western Grounds in July.

The large crew of a whaleship was not assigned to its several watches and boats until the ship was well out to sea. It was then that the captain would call the entire ship's company to the after part of the vessel to give the men general instructions and divide the crew. The first, second, and third officers headed the boats in which were four oarsmen and a harpooner. On this the most eventful of the *Platina's* voyages, Amos Smalley was selected to row in the bow of the chief mate's boat as his harpooner.

Smalley is a Gay Head Indian, born in 1877. When he was fifteen years old he left his Island home to go to sea on the New Bedford whaling schooner, *Pearl Nelson,* sailing for a 1-150th lay on a sperm-whaling voyage to the North Atlantic Ocean. Four years later the vessel returned and the young whaleman, now nineteen years old, received $14 as his share of the cruise. In two years he shipped again, this time aboard the *Platina.*

The day the modern "Moby Dick" was sighted from the *Platina,* conditions were even more listless than usual for the vessel had been a number of days without sighting (*Continued on page 110*)

***Above:** New Bedford in the closing days of an era. **Left:** Walter Thompson, the man who sighted the white whale and who manned the bow oarsman's spot in the subsequent chase.*

by JOAN CAHOON

World-wide Yuletide

• THE TOWN OF WENHAM, MASSACHUSETTS IS LOOKING FORWARD to the Christmas season this year with more than usual excitement. The reason . . . how many hamlets, with 2,700 people can boast their own United Nations? The Wenham Museum, directly opposite the village green on route #1A, with it's old world charm and backdrop of mellow pine and faded antique brick, will house a collection of "Crafts of Christmas Around the World" from November 13 to December 31. This is free to the public.

Every now and then one hears, "If you want something done, ask a busy person." When the Wenham Historical Association wanted the IMPOSSIBLE done, they asked bustling housewives and mothers; harried but energetic volunteers; the illustrious author Daniel J. Foley; and last but not least—delightful and charming Mrs. Henry Cabot Lodge.

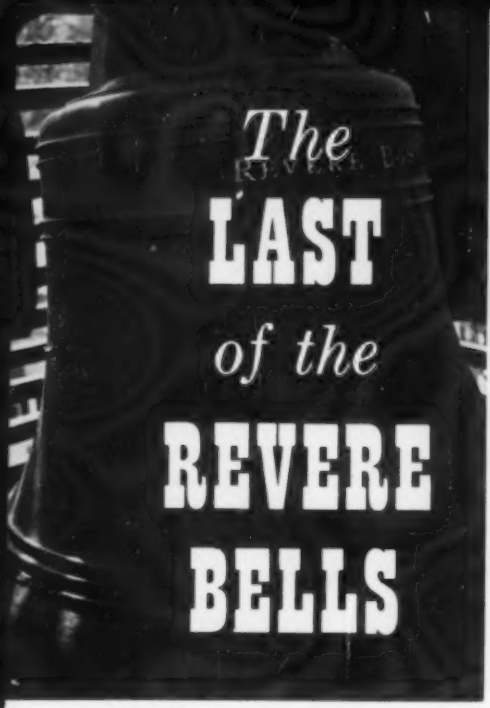
Banded together with boundless enthusiasm, they formed a federation so powerful and persuasive the "crowned heads of Europe" bowed to their wishes and even the Iron Curtain cracked a bit. Their dream of creating a tiny United Nations, at a time when Peace-On-Earth-Good-Will-To-Men should fill the hearts of the world, began back in February.

Mrs. Edward Woll, exhibit chairman complemented her capable staff by gathering to its ranks Daniel Foley, former editor of *Horticulture* magazine, lecturer, and author of many books and articles pertaining to Christmas. Applause rose loud and clear when Emily Lodge suggested contacting ambassadors of the United Nations (*Continued on page 96*)

Capable volunteers in Wenham, Mass., have created their own "Christmas United Nations" and even cracked the Iron Curtain!

Mrs. Edward Woll, exhibit chairman, and Miss Maciejowski unpack some of the decorations.

Mr. Daniel J. Foley, Mrs. Edward Woll and Mrs. Henry Cabot Lodge examine Swedish angels.



The LAST *of the* REVERE BELLS

In the Masonic Temple, Woodstock, Vermont.

First Baptist Church, Paris Hill, Maine.

Appallingly few Revere bells remain to be heard or, indeed, to be seen. Here's a survey . . .

by FRANK W. LOVERING

On the Colby College campus, Waterville, Me.

OF THE 398 BELLS KNOWN TO have been cast in Boston's North End foundry of Paul Revere & Son between the years of 1792 and 1828, a diligent survey by the writer during this past summer reveals that not over a baker's dozen of these remain in use or, indeed, are to be found at all.

When one considers that most of these bells were extremely heavy (some weighed over a ton) and were the carefully documented property of churches and other organizations to whom the future is left in trust, the disappearance of so many is appalling.

Dr. Arthur Nichols, who made a similar survey fifty years ago (see *Historical Collections* of the Essex Institute Salem, Massachusetts), was able to locate some seventy-eight still in use. At this rate of decline, another fifty years may destroy all but two or three.

Cracking, which could have been avoided by proper hanging and care, has taken

Unitarian Church, Norton, Massachusetts.

Court House, Northampton, Massachusetts.

away many. Fire an equal number. Recasting to fit a new steeple or church accounts for a few. In some places, what with the old records yellowing in an ancient vault and no one alive who remembers, no doubt there are still handsome examples of these bells—the origin of which has been forgotten.

Also, it must be remembered that a number of these bells (perhaps as many as one-third) were made for mills, factories, and plantations and have become long since lost in the advances of commercial progress or, if not lost, without too much meaning to those who hear them ringing. There is little doubt, for example, that Revere bells are still calling Castro's Cuban workers to and from the appropriated sugar plantations, with notes hardly in harmony with Fidel's sentiments about this country.

Even a casual reading of the list of the original locations of the Revere bells makes one wonder how it can possibly be that so few are around today. The frigate *Constitution,* America's most endeared ship, carried one into its fight with the *Guerriere.* Name a famous steeple almost anywhere in New England. You'll find it once had a Revere bell. Name any great American event, victory, disaster, or tragedy— (*Continued on page 95*)

First Baptist Church, Keene, New Hampshire.

This, say the author and many others, is a reproduction of the first known Christmas card—the Cole-Horsley card of 1843. There are some dozen originals known to exist.

More About
The First Christmas Card

A year ago we published an article by John J. D'Addieco which stated that the first Christmas card was dated 1839 and printed by the London firm of Windsor and Pearce. "Nonsense!" was the reader reaction. Since we never seem to learn, we herewith stick our necks out once again and present this convincing rebuttal.

by CARROLL ALTON MEANS

IN HIS EXCELLENT BOOK, "THE History of the Christmas Card," (Rockliff, London, 1954), George Buday thought that he had settled for all time the question of the "First Christmas Card." In the 117 years since its issue in 1843 (in an edition of 1000 copies, sold on Old Bond Street, London, for one shilling each), the Cole-Horsley Christmas card (inspired by Sir Henry Cole and designed by John Callcott Horsley, R. A.) has had numerous rivals for the distinction, but only one which has been considered a serious threat. This was the William Maw Egley Christmas card, which appeared to have the date "1842" in its imprint. We know now that this was intended to be read "1848" and that Mr. Egley, whose card was actually accepted as "First" (by the British Museum as well as others) for about ten years, has supplied the most important proof possible to establish the Cole-Horsley card in its rightful position as "First Christmas Card." The proof follows:

"Mr. H. J. Deane, who presented the scrapbook (*Continued on page 71*)

Nobody is convinced that this is the first Christmas card, but we found it in a 50-year-old scrapbook and think it demonstrates a most unique and Cheery manner for boy to wish girl a Merry Christmas!

with the Egley card to the Victoria and Albert Museum (London), in his own words, 'happened to be the possessor of a good deal of Mr. W. M. Egley's relics, such as his diaries, scrapbooks, sketches, etc.' Amongst these were two prints of the Egley Christmas card, one of which is still in Mr. Deane's possession. This is in a frame on the back of which is an inscription in Egley's own handwriting. It runs: 'Christmas Card—the Second ever published. Designed and etched by W. Maw Egley, 1848, India Proof.' The note also includes the reference number '140.' In the first volume of Egley's carefully recorded chronological catalogue of his works, against the number 140 is the following entry: '140—Design for a Christmas Card.—The second ever published. Etching on copper. India Proof below. Size 3¼ by 4¼ in. Fin. 1848: Dec. 4.' To this is added: 'The first Christmas Card was designed by Mr. J. C. Horsley (sic) and published by Mr. Henry Cole, under the name of Luke Limner (sic).'" (Buday: p. 14). Note: The catalogue entry was made over a hundred years ago and before there was any controversy concerning the "First Christmas Card." Egley was age twenty-two in 1848, hence was not the remarkable sixteen-year-old Christmas card designer as stated.

It should be obvious from the above that Mr. Egley was being perfectly honest about his own work and the work of another artist, John Callcott Horsley. His reference to Mr. Cole as "Luke Limner" was an honest mistake. Mr. Cole's pen-name was "Felix Summerly," while the pen-name (*Continued on page 117*)

COLORFUL NEW ENGLAND #33

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by ELEANOR M. MARSHALL

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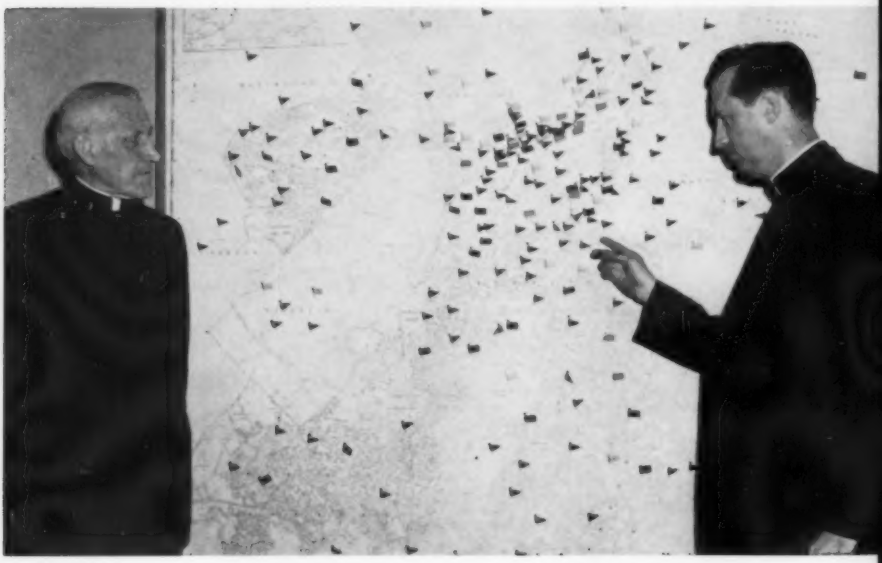

A PHONE, WHOSE NUMBER (HANcock 6-6600) is becoming very well known since it was listed in the Boston telephone book on page one along with those of the police and fire departments, was ringing in an office in the south department of Boston City Hospital.

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(But more often than not, it will be this Priest, Reverend Kenneth Murphy, the President of Rescue, Incorporated, who is requested and who is on call around the clock.)

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Opposite page: Father Murphy points out to Richard Cardinal Cushing the spots in Boston where suicides have been threatened or were completed.

Above: grim reminders outside Father Murphy's door — suicide weapons that accomplished their purpose. Rescue, Inc. has a staff of 70 always on alert.

Left: the wrong intonation or word by Father Murphy can mean failure in a case such as this. An interview usually needs about two hours of uninterrupted talk.

Right: This is, perhaps, the oldest organ in America—built in 1762 in London by John Snetzler and housed (and played) now in the South Dennis, Massachusetts, Congregational Church.

THE ANCIENT ORGAN OF SOUTH DENNIS

by DOROTHY WORRELL

Opposite page: The So. Dennis Congregational Church. Besides the organ, this church has pews of 1817, a clock that's been ticking since 1835 and a chandelier made of Sandwich glass.

● THE VISITOR TO CAPE COD FINDS NEW THINGS AND OLD THINGS AND among the old things several firsts and oldests. Take churches, for example.

In West Barnstable stands the oldest Congregational Church in America; in Mashpee is found the oldest church on Cape Cod and the oldest Indian Church in America. On a hill in South Dennis stands one of the beautiful old churches of Cape Cod, the village Congregational Church. This story is about its organ, one of the oldest in America still in playing condition. Some say it is *the* oldest, but who knows? Lacking proof, the church people speak moderately and say what they do know for a fact: that it is at least *one* of the oldest. The story goes that in Virginia or South Carolina there is an organ still in use that is as old. The organ in South Dennis was purchased second-hand and installed in 1854. It had been built in 1762 in London by John Snetzler. Its interim history is unknown. It may have come from Connecticut, from Nantucket, or from Gloucester. These are the stories. Nor is it known to what church in this country it was first destined from England. At any rate, it is still being played every Sunday at the South Dennis Congregational Church.

To organ connoisseurs the instrument is extremely interesting. The curator of ancient musical instruments in the Victoria and Albert Museum in London, who had helped to trace its origin, sent for a photograph and a history of its adventures in America. The organ has one keyboard, one octave of pedals, and eleven stops. The stops are Bellows Signal, St. Diapason, Twelfth Principal Bass, Dulciana, St. Diapason Bass, Clarabell, Cornet, Fifteenth, Flute, Treble Principal, Open Diapason. The exterior of the organ has been refinished and it was electrified in 1935. Repairs have been made a number of times and parts replaced. In 1960 the organ was rebuilt by the Andover Organ Company in Methuen, Mass.

John Snetzler was one of the great German organ builders. He came to England during the first half of the eighteenth century to help rebuild and restore the organs that had been destroyed during Cromwell's regime, when church services were suppressed. His imperfect English and quaint expressions gave rise to an amusing story. A new organ of his construction was ready for an organist, and an applicant, practicing on the instrument, so annoyed Snetzler by his rapid playing that he exclaimed, "He do run over de keys like one cat and do not give my pipes time to shpeak." ●

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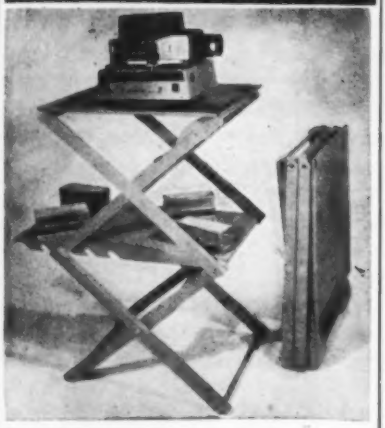

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A Christmas Present for Cape Cod

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"The bulldozer has gone hog wild around here," Mr. O'Connor says. "I'm glad the park is here." But he expressed some misgivings. Will the National Park Service be able to reconcile its twin goals of conservation and recreation? Will so many people be attracted to the park that, by sheer weight of numbers, they will destroy the things that the park will be set up to conserve? How about that dirt road? Will it in time become a four-lane, black-topped road?

"Thank God, it's here," Mr. Hobbs of *The Cape Codder* says. "The real estate guys have been fighting this. They have waterfront acreage and they want to make a killing by developing it. We don't mind a guy making a buck, but not at the expense of Cape Cod."

Much of the Great Beach is already under public ownership, it is pointed out by Joshua A. Nickerson ,of the Nickerson Lumber Co., a large and old concern. "I'm opposed to the principle of Federal ownership where it isn't necessary," he says. "Five-eighths of the Atlantic Ocean beach from Provincetown to Chatham is under state or town ownership. That's the kind of ownership I favor." Mr. Nickerson's family has given much land to Cape Cod for public purposes.

The fact that so much of the Great Beach is already publicly owned may be

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a complicating factor in setting up the national seashore. Miles of ocean frontage in Provincetown are owned by Massachusetts. It will probably be ceded to the Federal government since state officials, including Gov. John A. Volpe, are in favor of the seashore project. But there are a number of town-owned beaches in Truro, Eastham, Orleans, and Chatham that may be withheld from the park because of local opposition. Under the park bills in Congress, the Federal government expressly waives any right to condemn publicly-owned property. Under state law, town property cannot be ceded without a two-thirds vote in favor at a town meeting.

Cape Cod has perhaps more than its quota of sturdy individualists who will continue to fight the park to the end.

One of these is Miss Elizabeth Freeman, of Wellfleet, a sister-in-law of Adm. Chester W. Nimitz, who lives in an ancient house in the middle of 115 acres with three bloodhounds and a Doberman pinscher. From her house one can see only meadows and scrub pines.

The park may include twenty acres of Miss Freeman's land, for which she will receive a fair market value. But she fears that with the coming of the park she will no longer be able to turn her dogs out to roam and that vacationers will stray onto her land. Moreover, she fears that the Federal government will be dilatory in paying for her land.

"Why can't they let us keep our property?" she asks. "We have roots here. Why do they show more consideration to transients than to us? Transients can see all they want of the Cape without setting up this damned park." •

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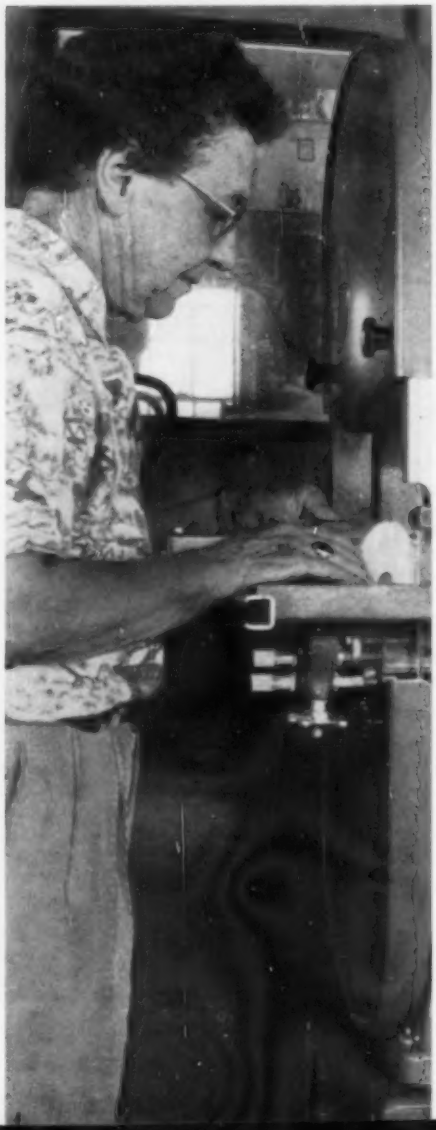
Mrs. Waldo Wright with a few of her buttons. One of her prized buttons is a glass paperweight in which is embedded a red rose.

Ivory whales and fish are the specialty of Miss Aletha Macy of Nantucket who has been carving ivory since she was eleven years old.



Gladys Shea of Fitzwilliam, New Hampshire, is a busy woman these days—Christmas wreathes are her business (*see text, p. 85*).

SMALL BUSINESS AND CRAFTS

by Damon Ripley
YANKEE'S *Roving Reporter*

►"MANY NEW ENGLAND ATTICS AND sewing baskets contain a wealth of rare buttons," says Mrs. Waldo Wright who has found button collecting has brought a host of new, button-collecting friends.

Mrs. Wright, who traces her ancestry back to Colonial Connecticut, first became interested in button collecting during World War II when gasoline shortages made staying at home compulsory and patriotic. Starting in her own attic and moving to the attics of neighbors and their friends, Mrs. Wright soon gathered an assortment of buttons, many of which proved worthless but some of which, including paperweights, kaleidoscopes and story buttons, have become increasingly valuable. Now her collection numbers thousands, with the rare and unusual mounted on standard nine by twelve inch cards.

Buttons either are pierced for sewing to garments, or have a shank which can be forced through a hole in the display cards, and then anchored in place by a short section of ordinary tobacco pipe cleaner. Buttons have been made of many materials—including gold, silver, brass, aluminum, steel, wood, horn, leather, hard rubber, seeds, bone, dried gourds, mother

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of pearl and, more recently, of plastic. They are of many types and myriad designs, so that no one collector could ever have more than a few examples of millions of buttons used since the Middle Ages when they replaced thongs, buckles and sashes as ways to hold garments in place.

In the days of fancy waistcoats, men spent more on their buttons than women. Their great coats sported enormous buttons carved from pearl shells or fashioned in silver with delicate scrolling. Mrs. Wright has many cards of waistcoat and greatcoat buttons in her collection.

She advises anyone interested in pursuing this hobby to start right in her own home town until she finds what types of buttons to collect. For some it is story buttons with pictures of Biblical scenes, children's fables, the operas, famous characters such as Jenny Lind, the Queen of Sheba, the Fox and the Grapes, St. George and the Dragon, Marguerite at the Spinning Wheel and Moses in the Bullrushes. Some of these picture buttons have been so sought after that button dealers tag fancy prices on them. But the hobbyist may be lucky to come across some rare story buttons in the attic of a friend who was thinking of throwing them away. And New England, by its rich historical heritage, is still a button collector's paradise.

►The spirit of old Nantucket survives in Aletha Macy. Not only is Miss Macy a direct descendant of Thomas Macy, first settler on the island, but her ivory carvings carry on the traditional "scrimshaw" art of old-time whalemen. You can see the whalers' scrimshaw at Nantucket's Whaling Museum, along with carvings of eight whales by Miss Macy. For today's "Ivory of the Sea," visit Miss Macy's workroom on Madaket Road.

Only a ship's quarterboard sign marks the grey shingled cottage as studio and salesroom. Outside and inside, the house is as efficient and attractive as Miss Macy herself. She carves at a big work-desk, her many tools at hand. Her advantages over the whalemen who spent long hours at sea on scrimshaw are a saw to cut her ivory, and buffer to finish her work.

Her most noted pieces, of museum quality, are beautifully finished and accurately scaled half-models of whales, or gamefish such as swordfish, blue fish, and bass. These carvings, mounted on walnut panels, make handsome decorations, and are much in demand as trophies by yacht clubs and

fishing clubs. Each model requires many hours of work, and most are carved on commission. Those which Miss Macy makes to please herself are sold almost as soon as hung on her display wall.

Miss Macy also carves many small ivory pieces—gulls, whales, nautical subjects—to be used as cover ornaments for the "Nantucket lightship baskets" of her neighbor, Stephen Gibbs. These woven rattan baskets, first made by men aboard the South Shoals lightship, are now handmade by Mr. Gibbs, and are used as ladies' handbags. Miss Macy's carvings add the finishing touch to baskets which are sometimes called "Nantucket mink," because the woman who carries one acquires a mink-coat status.

If a shipment of elephant tusks from Africa comes into harbor, any Nantucketer knows its consignee without reading the name: Aletha Macy.

►During the period between September and Christmas Eve, cheerful, rosy-cheeked Gladys Shea is probably the busiest woman in Fitzwilliam, New Hampshire. In her tiny Christmas Green Shop crammed with evergreens of all descriptions, pine cones, berries and red ribbon, Mrs. Shea creates beautiful and original Christmas wreaths which she sends to customer-friends throughout the country. "I've been doing this a long time," she told me. "Look at this Christmas card I just received. That woman was about to be married when she bought her first wreath." The card showed a large family group—the eldest child being about twenty. "She has bought a wreath every year since."

Considering that she does no advertising, it is surprising to learn that a large part of her business is mail order. Orders come from all over the country from satisfied customers who have been buying her wreaths for years. Part of the reason is that her wreaths are not only handsomely, but sturdily, constructed. "Those wreath frames that florists use are too slimpsy," Mrs. Shea remarked, "so I have mine made to order of heavy steel." She also has originality and I'll stick my neck out and say that I don't believe there is another person who makes her so-called "basket wreath." This wreath is shaped like a basket full of Christmas greens and berries. And did you ever hear of anyone making a wreath out of a full-size wagon wheel? Mrs. Shea has. It was used by a nearby Gift Shop last Christmas.

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►If Peru and Cape Cod can be said to have anything in common—it must be boats. A living testimony to that opinion is Elio Oliva, a former Peruvian Air Force officer, whose love of sea and ships has finally brought him to Cape Cod, and to an old sea captain's home on South Main Street, Centerville.

An electronics engineer by profession but a ship's carver by avocation—his skill with his carving tools has earned him memberships in every marine museum in the United States. For instance: Mystic Museum, New Bedford Whaling Museum, Peabody Museum, Newport News Marine Museum, Nantucket Whaling Museum and the Marine Museum of New York City. Building model ships is not the extent of his interests—in fact anything to do with the sea is fair game, from figureheads to marine interiors.

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Spurling made his first violin when he was ten years old. He admits that it was far from perfect. "I made the top out of a cedar shingle," he recalls. "The strings were old ones that had been discarded by a local fiddler. It had a tone that sounded something like a tomcat with a bellyache."

Spurling's next attempt (and failure) came about a year later when a relative gave him the parts of a violin he had found in the attic. Spurling got some glue and stuck the parts together, believing that he had done a first-class repair job. But it didn't work out that way.

"When I tightened the strings, the thing exploded like a two-cent firecracker." He recalls. "When I picked up the pieces it seemed that I had enough to make two violins."

But Spurling kept on in spite of his failures and eventually got a fine instrument for his trouble. Then he took violin lessons and played in a local orchestra for a number of years. He eventually gave up playing and satisfied his love for violins by making and repairing them in his spare time. (Operating an Inn and overnight cabins takes up his "full" time.)

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Away in a Manger

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its biting fierceness seemed to plunge at his very marrows. Steadying his steps with the staff he struggled up the few feet of rough frozen ground to the milk house. A fire, started earlier in the little pot-bellied stove in the house, had all but died. With the temperature hovering around zero, the fire must be kept or the dealer would leave his frozen cans unaccepted. Caleb hung his lantern on a center hook, poured the last milk into the company can, and proceeded to stoke the fire. Again a feeling of weariness all but overcame him. He longed to pull up the battered high chair a neighbor had picked up at an auction especially for him. It was just the right height to ease himself into with some hope of arising without the usual struggle. But method and habit had become compulsive with him, and he brushed aside the fleeting impulse and continued to stoke the diminutive stove. That completed, staff and lantern in hand, he made his way across the main road to the lighted home that had been his all his long life.

The mixed odors of Christmas cookies, fried potatoes, onions, and ham impressed him little. He was too tired to care whether he ate or not. The earlier long tramp across the uneven ground of the back cornfield in search of the Christmas tree had been too much. But he had been a part of bringing in firewood and selecting the right tree too long to give up the task without resentment. So, when he had seen his son John, axe in hand, starting out that morning, he had risen and gone, too, as though some magnet drew him. They were a silent pair. Close association had made words unnecessary, and they had gone and returned, dragging the tree on Gary's confiscated sled, with scarcely a syllable uttered.

Now, as then, silence brooded over the family. Little Gary pushed his miniature milk truck around and around the outer edge of a braided rug, shifting gears gutturally as he made his imaginary stops. An amused smile was on his mother's face as she listened to her small son's unmistakable likeness to grinding gears. Beth stood, spoon in hand, ready to serve the supper, while John remained ready to help Gary under the tray of his high chair and into his bib once his own father finished his splashings at the sink.

At last the family was seated at the kitchen table. Caleb, his nightly bowl of crackers and milk before him, finally broke the silence.

"If I was reading right, just now, it looked like five above. It's weather like this that makes me glad I put on that siding last summer. I guess Daisy is glad, too. I thought she acted a little restless tonight, though her time isn't for a week."

"They have a way of picking their own time," his son replied, "and it's usually an inconvenient time for us. She'd better wait 'til after the cold snap."

Beth took no part in the talk. She tended the needs of her busily eating son, but her thoughts were on all that she must do before sleep could claim her. The tree must be got in from its hiding place in the shed and festooned with the ornaments now stored with all her purchases of gifts in the warmth of the milk house. She wondered how many trips in this frigid weather it would take to get everything across the road and into the house, after Gary was asleep. The four-year-old, for all his grown ways, still believed implicitly in the jolly saint and his reindeer.

"Mummy, will Santa . . .," the child had just begun when a great commotion began at the back door.

Everyone was too dazed for a moment to grasp what the hubbub was all about. But the words, "fire" and "milk house," finally brought the grown-ups to their feet. With one impulse they rushed into the yard, preceded by the neighbor who had given the alarm. It was true! Tongues of flame were already lapping at the outer clapboards. Beth knew at once that John's hurried call to the volunteer fire department was in vain. Caleb stood incredulous, too stunned to feel the biting blasts.

It was only Beth's sudden realization of her son's predicament, confined to his high chair, that took her back into the house. There was nothing to be done about it! Nothing to be done! She ached to throw herself onto the bed and to sob out her resentment against whatever or whoever caused such disasters to happen. Her smoldering resentment of her father-in-law flamed higher than the fire. She was choked by all the pent emotions of all the years of her marriage and her forced association with the stubborn, habit-ridden, old man. She vaguely heard the firemen come, and eventually her husband and his father returned, gray and exhausted, to the kitchen. Like an automaton she insisted that Gary finish his milk "like a good boy," got him into his pajamas in front of the stove, even heard, without understanding, his childishly hopeful little prayer. The boy continued to chatter on about his expectations of the morrow. How she answered him, Beth was never able to recollect. Her mind was at work on possible solutions of their latest difficulties.

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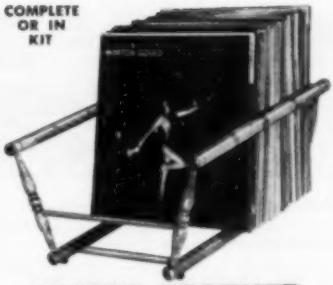

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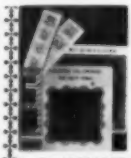

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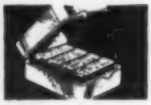

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Beth was city born and bred, but she had lived long enough on the farm to have absorbed some of the resourcefulness of all the other farm women who had preceded her in the centuries old homestead. And where John and Gary were concerned, she was always mistress of the situation. So now. She broke the silence. "I was thinking we could hang those McIntosh apples you just bought instead of balls, and my strings of popcorn are still in the pantry, thank heavens."

So with John to tie on the black threads, the tree was finally made beautiful with its shining fruit and snowy chains. The couple even laughed a little at Beth's ingenuity when she cut a star from cardboard, smeared it with glue, and sprinkled popcorn over the glue to form a resplendent symbol at the tree's peak.

But, try as they would, neither John nor Beth could think of a single toy that they could fashion in the short time remaining that would deceive their wise little son. At last it was agreed that Santa should leave a note, complaining of the bitter weather and blaming his failure to furnish the expected presents on that. They would come later by special messenger. Beth inwardly hoped that Caleb's milk check would arrive on time so the "special messenger" also wouldn't be delayed.

Finally weariness drove the pair to bed. They had done all that was humanly possible to right an inhuman turn of fate. It seemed they had scarcely laid their heads on their pillows when they heard old Caleb struggling to his feet. Through the thin walls they recognized every sound, the pulling on of each garment, grasping the staff, clomping into the kitchen. The lantern was lighted and they heard the old man hobbling across the cold-squeaking ice and snow. It was a marvel that Gary did not waken, but the little boy was still quiet, and the couple decided to remain in bed as long as their son. The cruel truth of Santa's failure would come soon enough.

It was no time at all, it seemed, before Caleb was again in the house. He came close to their bedroom door and was saying something in a most unusually excited voice. John sprang from bed. Two calamities in the same night were just too much! But when he saw his father's face, he knew this time it was no calamity.

"Daisy . . . twins!" the old farmer was saying over and over. "One for Gary! No, both for Gary!"

It didn't take long to revise Santa's letter. The gifts, too large for the chimney, had to be left in the barn. The three grown-ups hurried to the stable. Santa would never leave unadorned gifts, Beth thought, so she braided collars of red crepe paper for the identical Holstein heifers. Daisy was moved back to her stanchion, dry hay was thrown into the calving pen, and all was in readiness before Gary finally opened his eyes to a bitterly cold but sunny Christmas morn.

Breakfast must wait while the tree was admired. "Clever Santa! He knew how we all like apples!" Beth exclaimed.

"And popcorn!" John added.

At last the note was discovered in its conspicuous resting place on the lowest bough. John read it, Gary following the words as his father pointed to each. Gary turned in his father's lap to search for an explanation, but John's face told him nothing. They must all go and see.

Wraps on, they all hurried down to the barn. No sweeter scene ever gladdened a child's eyes. Two beautiful, innocent babies stood stiffly on spraddling legs, their huge lustrous eyes gazing in bewilderment at their new, strange world.

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Yet there was, and is, a difference fully as important as the differences between new and old architecture over which architects and others often make such a great to-do. It is not likely that the lay reader of today is too much interested in how and where our Liberty Bell was made, or that the bell casters of England and Abington, Massachusetts, gave Paul Revere his start and models. But there may be a curious few who wish to see or hear these which do remain. Here is a brief listing:

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WOODSTOCK, VERMONT: Masonic Temple.

PARIS HILL, MAINE: First Baptist Church.

CASTINE, MAINE: Unitarian Church.

NEWBURYPORT, MASSACHUSETTS: St. Paul's Episcopal Church, once in its steeple, now preserved only as a relic.

WATERVILLE, MAINE: Roberts Student Union, Colby College.

Probable but unconfirmed: First Parish Church, Tyngsboro, Mass.; Old Meeting House, Westmoreland, New Hampshire; Meeting House, Jaffrey Center, N. H.; and First Congregational (or Unitarian) Church, Providence, Rhode Island. If this last named is still there, it is the largest and heaviest bell ever cast in the foundry of Paul Revere & Son. •

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UNICEF, which raises money for children of Europe by selling Christmas cards, promised art posters and cards. Czechoslovakia extended warm "Best Wishes" and promised immediate shipment. It was then Mrs. Joseph Harrington, museum public relations chairman, so aptly remarked . . . "Just think—WE cracked the Iron Curtain!"

Great Britain referred their United Nations letter to the Boston Consul, who in turn entertained the committee, presenting them with three tape recordings of Christmas Customs.

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EDITOR'S NOTE: In combination with a visit to the Wenham Museum and the exhibits described above, we'd recommend taking in the famous Christmas Tour of Decorated Homes and Greens Sale put on by the Community Garden Club of Hamilton and Wenham on December 2nd and 3rd (and we hope you have this issue in time!). "Color for Christmas" is the theme this year. Starting point is the Hamilton Town Hall (on Bay Road) where competitive exhibits of both horticulture and design will be on display.

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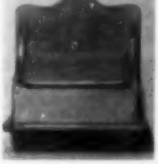

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However, the village was fairly well established, living quarters, kitchens, shops, storehouse and chapel, all enclosed by the traditional palisade. The food supply seemed adequate; part of the expedition had sailed back to France to bring out more supplies and settlers in the spring; and the seventy-nine who remained looked forward to the winter without undue apprehension—still convinced that Acadia had a mild and gentle climate.

Blessed with good health and ample food, the pioneers made Christmas Day a happy holiday—"un joyeux Noel"—even though separated by thousands of miles from home and families. One may hope that, for this day at least, the heated and often bloody quarrel brought with them from France could be cooled by the frosty air, buried under clean white snow.

There is little about religious matters or services in the record; no doubt because of the bitterness of the eternal controversy; but surely religious services were held by both Catholic and Protestant groups, each the first in any settlement north of the Floridas. The altar candles flickering in the wintry gusts must have thrown but a dim light for the handful of men shivering in the rude chapel, and the rustic surroundings were indeed far removed from the pomp and grandeur of a Midnight Mass at Notre Dame in Paris; but whether in Brittany or Acadia, the Christmas story was the same.

After services the settlers feasted royally on fish and game, which so far had been plentiful, and spent the rest of the day in sports and amusements. That first White Christmas wasn't so bad—it was what followed that hurt. The rest of the winter was by no means "joyeux."

According to Champlain: "The cold was sharp, more severe than in France and of much longer duration . . . the snow was from three to four feet deep up to the end of April . . . all our liquors froze except the Spanish wine . . . cider was dispensed by the pound . . ."

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Of the seventy-nine who celebrated that first Christmas, thirty-five died before the winter was over. Death quieted one bitter quarrel: it claimed priest and minister at the same time, and the irreverent burial squad laid both in one grave, "to see if they would lie peaceably together there."

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Below: the historic whaleship Charles W. Morgan *at Mystic Seaport lighted for the holiday season. Right: note the Christmas tree lashed to the* Morgan's *main mast.*

and oddments that waft one back through the centuries. The village street ambles by houses, shops and trees, and Seaport Street proudly walks under the bows of whaleships and schooners.

The place, of course, is Mystic Seaport in Connecticut, dedicated to the portrayal and preservation of America's seafaring heritage. The time, above, is the summer, when so many good Americans, present and future, as well as people from other lands, pay their respects to this distinguished memorial to our maritime forebears.

But New England villages, wonderful as they are in summer with their greens and churches and spires and tidy, cared-for houses, have other seasons, not the least of which is winter! Someone once unkindly said that the Berkshires have two seasons, winter and the Fourth of July, and before the days of open roads and closed cars winter may have appeared

Below: Shortly after 4:00 P.M. on the Sunday before Christmas, the traditional Mystic Seaport Community Carol Sing begins in front of the Aloha Meeting House.

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to be at least three out of the four seasons in many a New England area. Skiing, in creating an urge for distant snow-covered slopes, has brought about the trick of clearing the highways and even some of the byways, and most of us have found winter driving to be one of life's greatest boons. If you haven't admired New England towns in their wintertime garb for yourself, we heartily recommend an excursion this year, to discover their special flavor for yourself.

How often do you get a chance to slip back into the Christmas season of another century? Or to walk the streets of a living Christmas card? Or to gaze at a Christmas tree lashed to the mainmast of a ship that once sailed the seven seas? Which brings us back to Mystic Seaport. A trip there this month really does mean a visit to a living Christmas card. Christmas comes a little early to Mystic. Trees are placed and decorated along leisurely little Seaport Street, and spotlights arranged to show its winter charm to best advantage. Even the ships at rest along the Street have Christmas trees lashed to their mainmasts, an old and heart-warming custom followed by ships at sea in days gone by, and last year two huge trees were placed on Shipyard Point and in front of the *Charles W. Morgan*.

Happy hunting ground for shutterbugs, of course, and for any eye pleased with the steadfast reproduction of the past. And there is entertainment too. The annual Seaport Community Carol Sing is traditionally held on the Sunday before Christmas at 4:30, and for an hour before Christmas music is played and amplified throughout the grounds, so that those who wander and look may enjoy it. The organist, soloist and director of the sing are members of the Seaport staff, and some five hundred people, most of them residents of the community, join their voices in the familiar carols there in the crisp and clear Connecticut air.

The relatively new Planetarium (opened in 1960) puts on a very special Christmas show, called the Star of Bethlehem. The show is taped, and in addition to its stars and special lighting effects, there is music and diorama tableaux. This special show is given at one and three each afternoon and at eight each evening, beginning around the second Monday in December. The performances last year continued through the month, but were not given on December 24th or 25th, nor evenings on Sundays. The Seaport itself is closed on Christmas Day.

In Vermont there is another memorial

to the past that will, during the year ahead, attract thousands of visitors, and this too has a special relationship to the month of December. Since 1905 a monument has stood between South Royalton and Sharon, Vermont, marking the spot of the birthplace of Joseph Smith, founder of the Mormon Church. This granite shaft was dedicated on December 23, 1905, on the 100th anniversary of the Prophet's birth. Thirty-eight and a half feet high (one foot for each year of the Prophet's life) it is said to be the longest polished stone of its type in the world, and weighs forty tons.

The difficulties of hauling this and the other stones used to the site sometimes appeared to be unsurmountable. A wagon that had served to haul the huge stones for the St. John the Divine Church in New York City was acquired. The wagon weighed eight tons and had tires twenty inches wide, and twenty horses and a wheel team of oxen were needed to haul the stones on *level* roads. Getting them up the hill to the present site was something else again. One load took twenty days.

Part of the job, of course, consisted of building a concrete foundation, fourteen feet square and fourteen feet deep. The excavation was hewn for the most part from solid rock. If you like to ponder on dimensions, the base stone measured twelve feet square and twenty inches thick and weighed thirteen tons. The inscription stone is six feet square, six feet two inches high, and weighs twenty tons. The capstone weighs ten tons. The shaft proper is four feet square at the base, three feet at the top and

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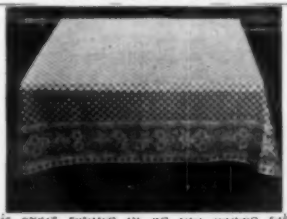

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Bright Idea

A folder reached us recently that struck us as taking a large step in the right direction. Titled simply "Welcome to Northfield, Massachusetts" its pages give capsule information on local history, geography, and general activities; lists shops, garages, schools, libraries; names historic houses, markers, sports, etc. There's also a provocative list of "Claims to Fame" (one of which is "first ready-made suit"), one of books about Northfield, and suggested short and long tours. The folder has been widely accepted and used by individuals and towns within a forty-mile radius. If you plan a journey or a sojourn or both, you can get a copy by sending ten cents to Mrs. E. M. Powell, East Northfield, Massachusetts. Would that more towns would do likewise. . .

Another folder that caught our critical eye: "See New Hampshire, Visit Macallen." Instead of presenting itself in a typical dull and tasteless look-at-us factory folder, the Macallen Company in Newmarket, New Hampshire, which processes and fabricates mica, plugs the state, the Newmarket area, tells you how to get there and where to stay and eat, in a folder with most attractive typography and fine water-color illustrations. ●

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whales and was barely pushing along with all sails set to catch whatever of breeze she could in almost a dead calm.

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When whales were sighted it was the usual procedure that the captain should check the sighting and verify the position of the "blowing." So Captain McKenzie went aloft and after a casual glance declared, "That's no whale, boy. That's a grampus."

The lookout replied instantly, "That is a sperm whale's spout, sir."

Captain McKenzie, looking out over the sea toward the "snowhill," called down below hailing the chief mate. "Mr. West, come up here. What do you make this spout out to be? The boy says it is a sperm whale but the body is white as snow. It must be a grampus. I never heard of a white whale."

Despite the captain the chief mate stood with Thompson in his decision. "No, sir, cap'n, it's a sperm whale."

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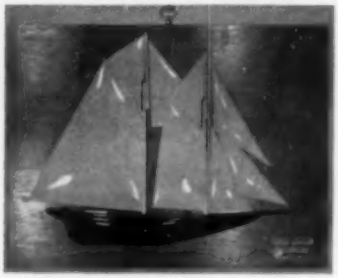

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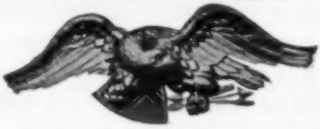

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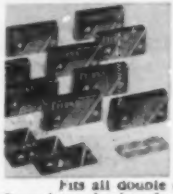

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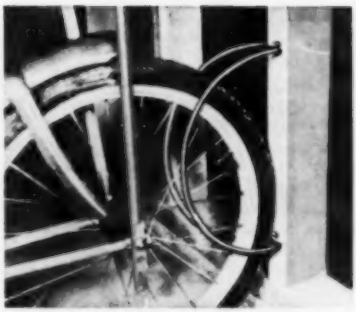

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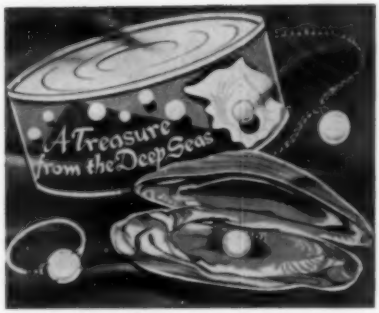

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Father Murphy, the curate and youth leader at St. Francis De Sales Church in Charlestown, had been getting so many calls from the police and fire departments "to talk somebody else out of suicide" that he realized the right type of help at the right time can change that wish to die into the will to keep on striving—and living. His efforts enlisted Cardinal Cushing's help.

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According to Rescue's records, suicide is not confined to any particular employment, age, sex, season or religion. Among their clients there has been an editor, educator, colonel, sales manager, artist's model, beatnik, a great-grandfather of 17 grandchildren, a teen-ager in an adolescent love pact, a father of nine children, a dentist, clergyman, nurse, bank examiner, minister's wife, doctor, actress, a ten-year-old boy, among an ocean of other folks.

Almost all such folks have talked about suicide before attempting it. Another fact is that although more males threaten suicide, far more females actually attempt it. Yet male suicides out-number females about three or four to one, is highest among divorced people and lowest among the married. Thursday is the day when most calls are received with Sunday having the least number of calls and all the other days being "fairly even."

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"Listen not only to what is said but to what may not be put into words," Father Murphy advises, "while you pray. Never do you let even a hint of encouragement for suicide take root. God's willingness to forgive any sin confessed and repented of and His great love for us, *always* works miracles *when we let them.*" The records of Rescue, Incorporated are proving that Father Murphy *is* right and that suicide can be prevented with the right kind of help given at the time it is most needed. •

EDITOR'S NOTE: *A few days before this issue went to press, Father Murphy was called by Boston Police to the home of a man who had threatened to kill his five children and take his own life. As Father Murphy entered, the man pointed a loaded shotgun at the priest's chest and held it there. Father Murphy opened his Bible and began to read. The words seemed to have a soothing effect on the crazed man and, presently, he lowered the deadly weapon. Police say Father Murphy's bravery probably saved six lives.*

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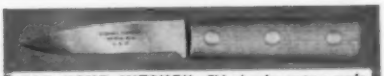

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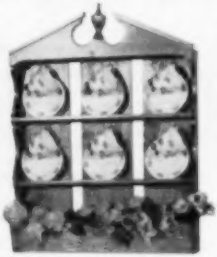

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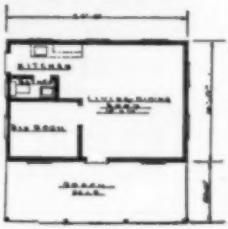

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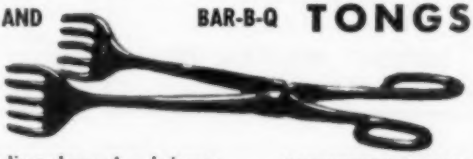

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The First Christmas Card

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"Luke Limner" belonged to John Leighton, another pioneer Christmas card designer (for Goodall & Son, 1862). I think it important to state here that Egley cards are rarer than Cole-Horsley cards and that used and dated specimen are unknown. The original pencil drawings and a proof, as well as the documentary material, may be seen in the Print Room of the Victoria and Albert Museum. Another proof is included in a collection of skating prints at the British Museum. This specimen is illustrated by Buday in Plate 7. If the card was actually produced and sold to the public in quantity, there is no known proof as yet.

In 1894, Gleeson White, editor of "The Studio," wrote and produced as an "Extra Number" of the Christmas issue an article entitled: "Christmas Cards & Their Chief Designers." This article is still one of the most important written on the subject and without it we would be inclined to make many extravagant claims. Fortunately, Mr. White had access to and used the information which was available only in the collection of Jonathan King (of Islington) whom he described as "the Nestor of Christmas card collectors." The collection in 1894 consisted of "700 volumes, weighing collectively between six and seven tons, including about 163,000 varieties." In 1912, when Mr. King died, there were 1,500 large volumes with more than 500,000 items, including 30,000 Valentines. (The greatest portion of this collection which has survived is part of the Hallmark Historical Collection and is housed in Kansas City, Missouri.)

Without any hesitation, Mr. White illustrated "The First Christmas Card, designed by J. C. Horsley, R. A. for Sir Henry Cole." He then says of it—"The origin of the Christmas card is, fortunately for its future historians, not lost in the mists of antiquity, that popular hiding place for all sorts of origins; but as clearly fixed as Archbishop Usher's date of Creation—B.C. 4004, October 26, 4:30 P.M.—with more trustworthy evidence to support it. In 1846 (sic), Sir Henry Cole (then plain Mr.) suggested the idea of a specially designed form of greeting to send to friends at Christmas. Mr. J. C. Horsley, R. A., acting on the hint, produced a design of a trellis of rustic-work, in the Germanesque style, divided into a centre and two side panels. In the panels are figures representing two of the acts of charity, 'feeding the hungry' and 'clothing the naked;' in the centre is a picture of a merry family party, including three generations, grandparents to grandchildren, quaffing draughts of wine. It was lithographed and printed by Jobbins, of

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The date "1846" should have been "1843," we have now learned, but in 1883 (forty years after the event), when Mr. Horsley was approached on the subject, he failed to discover the inaccuracy and wrote the Editor of *The Times* as follows: "In your article of the 25th inst. upon Christmas cards, you refer to the fact that I designed and drew the first of these cards in 1846. I think it right to explain that I did this at the suggestion and request of my friend, the late Sir Henry Cole, who, at the period named, devoted much time and ingenuity in getting artistic treatment applied to 'unconsidered trifles' as well as to weightier matters." He also stated, "There is no question that this was the first illustrated card issued. The idea was Cole's, the execution of the trifle mine." In his memoirs (Fifty Years of Public Work of Sir Henry Cole, K. C. B., two vols., London, 1884), Sir Henry mentions the card but gives it two dates, 1845 and 1846, showing the state of his uncertainty. He said, "The net revenue from Christmas cards (sent through the P. O.) has been largely increased by the card designed for Felix Summerly (himself) by John C. Horsley, R. A., in 1845." The caption to an illustration of the card is dated 1846.

The discovery of an entry made in Cole's diary in November, 1843, which reads "Mr. Horsley came and brought design for Christmas card" is pretty conclusive evidence of the date to be assigned to this Christmas card. As new specimen of the card have been discovered (there are about twelve surviving), no new evidence has been found to refute the established facts, all of which lead to the conclusion that the Cole-Horsley Christmas card was the first one issued.

Buday, in a footnote on page eleven, notes the "great interest shown by the public in the question of 'the first' Christmas card." He says, "I have several hundred British newspaper 'cuttings' and American 'clippings,' a great number of them letters to editors, giving most varied and contradictory information about the subject." There is always someone who has an earlier Christmas card—which is immediately claimed to be the "first," but not one of these in 117 years has been able to stand the supreme test, based upon positive proof. The Sturrock-Drummond card, with a Scottish New Year greeting, was mentioned by King and White and again by Buday. It has been variously dated 1845, 1844 and now 1841, yet no dated specimen is known. Miss Catherine Drummond, who is quite naturally loyal to the

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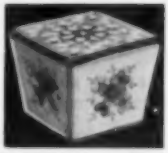

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claim of her grandfather, Mr. Charles Drummond, has been unable to provide the proof that we must have to displace the evidence in favor of the Cole-Horsley card, which is dated "1843" on four specimens.

Other cards have been presented with a similar claim, but each in its turn has failed to meet the test. Some are merely "forerunners" of the Christmas or New Year's card, mentioned by Buday in his third chapter. Visiting cards bearing seasonal greetings fall into this category. They date back into the Eighteenth Century and were common in Austria and Germany. Some were even illustrated to show the trade of the sender. Broadsheets and Christmas "pieces," as examples of penmanship, frequently included Christmas greetings.

Probably we should list the requirements of an authentic Christmas card as we understand it. It should be decorative, with a definite Christmas design and a Christmas greeting, with or without mention of the New Year. It must have been issued in quantity, and it must have been on public sale at a definitely known price. It must have been used by a number of individuals during the year of issue, and this would be shown by dated specimen. Only the Cole-Horsley card does this! •

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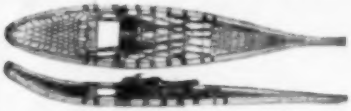

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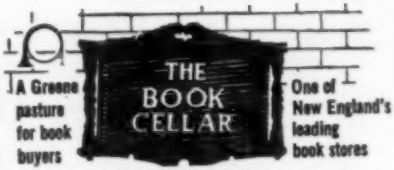

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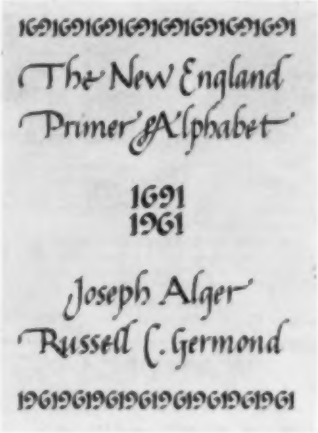

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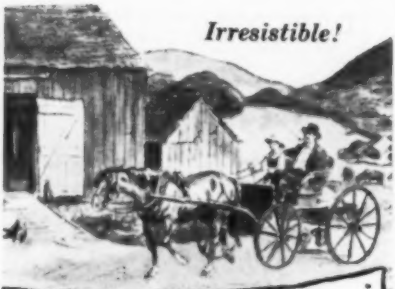

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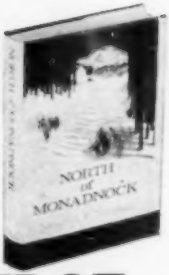

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This, since the things we are, love, have, or give
Are creatures of our impact and recoil
In that necessity which makes our toil
The need to be, to reason and survive.

Man loses only what he will not keep,
For what he will is part of what he is—
Coral that piles its level above the sea's
Great darkness, which is death's dissolving deep.
So, though our arms seem empty and sleep cold,
What flesh they ever held our arms now hold.

The Prophet Outraged

by Ames Rowe Quentin

After the whale took Jonah from the sea
and vomited him on the dry land
he lay like a dead tree
half up the sand
lapped by that Mediterranean surf, a hand's-breadth high,
washed by its warm small tide.
He rose at last, hearing a gull cry,
and stood confused: there at his side
in milky foam floated his staff, his rod,
borne from the sea, borne to his empty hand.

Still he is angry Jonah, fool of God—
having just saved the ship, soon to save Nineveh,
still he must curse each breath:
"Nineveh was to fall; the ship was to capsize.
I say what God will do, and He does otherwise.
I do well to be angry, even unto death."

(Edited by Jean Burden)

Winter Hope

by Chad Walsh

The summer prudence keeps us strong to skate.
We and the squirrels have stored. Now we can play
And eat both. This utterly inadequate
Landscape—the clumped, brown grass, the gray

Crude trees with shredding leaves, the cat-o'-nine-tail
Bushes twisting for the cut, the lake frozen
Above the succulent fish—might avail
A year or two at most if God has chosen

To move the continental crusts and steer
Wisconsin to the site of Baffin Bay.
We'll make an open season on the deer,
And track the squirrels to where they laid away

Their little hoards, and when the rationed nuts
Are gone, we'll garrote the starving things. Then
To crack the ice and take the fish to huts
Where a little fire burns on a blackened stone.

After the final fish, experiments
On bark once circled by the frantic deer . . .
It hasn't happened yet. Let's skate this once
And hopefully rejoice that winter's here.

A Christmas Blessing

by Jean Pedrick

This whitest time of year
Bless all warm rooftrees, all
Spirits and songs and toys,
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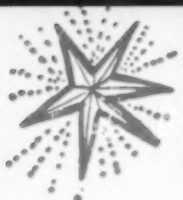

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